

**SALEM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
(PZC)
REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2015
7:00**

CALL TO ORDER: G. Fogarty called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Present: G. Fogarty, J. Duncan, R. Amato, G. Walter, V. Smith, R. LaBonte, R. Savalle, J. Gadbois Alt., E. Natoli Alt., R. Serra (SECCOG Planner)

Absent: E. Wenzel Alt.

Guests: See File Copy

PUBLIC HEARING: None

PETITIONERS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

1. Approve March 17, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (Amato/Smith) to approve the March 17, 2015 regular meeting as amended.

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Page 3, ¶ 5 unbold text

Vote: Approved Unanimously. In favor-Fogarty, Savalle, Smith, Walter, Duncan. Opposed-None. Abstaining-LaBonte

OLD BUSINESS:

1. PZC Article in "Our Town" (added)

G. Fogarty informed the members she discussed placing an article in "Our Town" with K. Lyden. The Commission will put articles in the paper informing residents on PZC issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Possible Regulation Changes for Conservation Sub-Divisions

R. Serra gave handouts and informed the members on conservation subdivisions. He stated the main objective is to allow protection of natural resources by concentrating development in a smaller area to allow for more open space.

He stated the Town already had similar regulations in their cluster development section. He suggested starting with those regulations but make them more workable. R. Serra stated the Commission should decide on the concept first and go from there. He reminded them they would still have to take into account the space needed for water and septic.

The question of who is responsible for the open space, and who owns it was raised. R. Serra will research the issue.

2. Discussion on Freedom of Information (FOI) Conference

G. Fogarty informed the members of the FOI conference. She stated as they should be aware of when not to have conversations between members as they pertain to issues before the Commission. They were told that it is a best practice not to use technology to send and receive information during a meeting and to be aware of using emails in discussion of Commission business.

3. East Haddam Referral.

East Haddam sent the Town a referral concerning mobile food trucks and roof mounted solar panels. R. Serra did not see any negative inter-municipal impacts. He will write a letter to East Haddam stating there are no impacts.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT/INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT: See File Copy

1. Town Planner Report-no report

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PLUS/DELTAS: The Commission discussed the positive and negative aspects of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: M/S/C (Walter/Smith) to adjourn at 8:00 PM. **Vote: Approved Unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Spang
Recording Secretary**